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SUBJECT: KOSYGIN LETTER TO TANAKA

REF: MOSCOW 7458

SUMMARY: SOVIET AMBASSADOR DELIVERED LETTER FROM KOSYGIN TO PM TANAKA DISCUSSING SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT ISSUES. DURING MEETING TANAKA URGED RUSSIANS TO RESPOND TO INVITATIONS FOR SOVIET LEADERS TO VISIT JAPAN AND TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS FOR CONCLUDING PEACE TREATY. END SUMMARY.

1. IN RESPONSE TO PM TANAKA'S MAY 16 LETTER TO PREMIER KOSYGIN (REFTEL), SOVIET AMBASSADOR TROYANOVSKY DELIVERED KOSYGIN'S REPLY TO TANAKA JULY 11. FONOFF DEP DIRECTOR FIRST EE DIV NOMURA INFORMED EMBASSY REPLY DEALT EXCLUSIVELY WITH BROAD QUESTION OF JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IN SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS. WHEREAS TANAKA CONTENDS THAT PRICES SHOULD BE DECIDED GIVING SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO GEOGRAPHICAL FACTORS, THEREBY LOWERING  
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PRICES FROM NEARBY SIBERIA, KOSYGEN'S LETTER ASSERTED THAT

PRICES SHOULD BE BASED ON INTERNATIONAL LEVELS. BOTH SIDES  
AGREED AGAIN ON WILLINGNESS FOR THIRD PARTIES TO PARTICIPATE  
IN SIBERIAN PROJECTS.

2. DURING MEETING TANAKA ALSO URGED TROYANOVSKY TO SEEK AN  
EARLY RESPONSE TO INVITATIONS TO TOP SOVIET LEADERS TO VISIT  
JAPAN THIS YEAR AND TO SIMULTANEOUSLY RESUME NEGOTIATIONS FOR  
CONCLUDING A JAPAN-USSR PEACE TREATY. TROYANOVSKY  
PROMISED TO RELAY TANAKA'S REMARKS TO MOSCOW.

3. COMMENT: FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL REASONS,  
TANAKA IS ANXIOUS TO ACHIEVE SOME MOVEMENT ON MATTERS AGREED TO  
IN RUSSO-JAPANESE SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE LAST OCTOBER. VISIT BY  
TOP SOVIET LEADER AND RESUMPTION OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS  
WOULD PERHAPS HELP  
LIFT TANAKA'S SAGGING POLITICAL POSTION.  
FONOFF IS OF COURSE NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR PEACE  
TREATY BECAUSE OF NORTHERN TERRITORY ISSUE.  
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